

July 3, 2020



Village Update

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Canada Day Success!

Thanks to all those who organized and participated in a successful Canada Day Food Truck Event. The floodgates from on high were turned off just as the event got underway and Villagers turned out in physically-distanced droves to chat with neighbours and friends and enjoy a variety of foodie feasts.

Congrats as well to the Lions Bay Café for a sold out Paella Party. The Village was certainly well-fed on Canada Day!



Thanks to planners extraordinaire Heather Hood and Noelene Searle (pictured left, not pictured Food Truck Queen Stephanie Beattie), the Canada Day Celebration and Food Trucks in Lions Bay were a success!

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
BEACH, PARKS AND
TRAILS AMBASSADORS**

The Village of Lions Bay is looking for energetic, friendly and diplomatic ambassadors to provide residents and visitors with gentle reminders and education about the ongoing risks of COVID-19 and the need to protect each other from the virus by practicing physical distancing and respecting one another in our public places as we re-open some facilities under Phase 3 of the BC Restart Plan.



As you likely know by now, the Lions Bay Beach Park will be re-opened on July 1st and we will need to monitor use and occupancy limits to maintain safe and healthy enjoyment of the park and its amenities. This may require manning entry points, just like you experience at the grocery store and other locations, as well as carrying tools to help demonstrate 2 metres of distancing, such as a kayak or canoe paddle of that length, or a couple of pool noodles.

Beaches and trails within Lions Bay and at trailheads to points beyond could also use the friendly help and guidance of volunteer ambassadors to provide reminders, parking directions, and general information to the public visiting our nature areas.

Volunteers will report to Municipal staff, receive training on their roles and responsibilities, be provided with non-medical masks and safety vests to readily identify them to the public, and will provide brief information reports to staff. Volunteers are covered against liability for transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus under Ministerial Order 120 and for general 3rd party liability by the Municipality's insurers, along with receiving basic medical coverage for any defined injuries (excluding sickness and disease).

Applicants should be fit and in good health and aware of the risks of COVID-19, especially in a role that requires interaction with the public. All applicants will be required to sign an acknowledgement of risk in relation to their roles and responsibilities and COVID-19.

If you are interested in joining our team, please email cao@lionsbay.ca as soon as possible with your name, physical and mailing address, email address and phone number(s), and answer the following:

- (1) Please describe why you are interested in becoming a Village of Lions Bay Volunteer Beach, Trails and Parks Ambassador.
- (2) Please provide a brief summary of your relevant experience and how it fits with the roles and responsibilities outlined above.

***Please note that participation is in a volunteer capacity – there is no remuneration for serving as a Beach, Trails and Parks Ambassador. If appointed, your name may appear on the Village of Lions Bay website and your contact information will be provided to staff and other appointed Ambassadors.*



VILLAGE OFFICE REOPENING

JUNE 29, 2020

The Village Office re-opened to the public on Monday, June 29. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including Wednesdays, until July 17. In order to help keep everyone safe, here are a few rules to help us help you!

1. Please do not come to the Office if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone who does.
2. One person at a time will be allowed in the Office. An audio-visual intercom doorbell has been installed outside the Office so please ring prior to entry to ensure the reception area is clear.
3. Signage and sidewalk markings will indicate where you can wait and procedures for entering and exiting the office; we are practicing Physical Distancing.
4. A plexiglass barrier has been installed at the front counter. Hand sanitizer will be available both outside and inside the office.
5. To limit the flow of people, please consider calling or emailing the Office for assistance, or check the website for information and payment methods.

Thank you for your patience, as we navigate through these COVID times!



REMEMBER TO CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT (HOG)

All taxpayers must claim their HOG (if eligible) by the tax due date of July 14, 2020. You can claim your HOG by dropping off the application (found at the bottom of your tax notice) at the Village Office or online on the [Village website](#). If you are deferring your taxes, you should claim your HOG before, or as soon as possible after, submitting your online application to the Ministry.

Deferring your 2020 Property Taxes

Tax deferral is a low interest loan program that helps qualified B.C. homeowners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence. Eligible home owners may apply to have the Provincial Government pay the current year's residential property taxes for their principal residence. If a home owner chooses to defer their taxes, the Municipality is paid by the Province, rather than by the homeowner. To find out more information about the Provincial Property Tax Deferment program, including eligibility requirements, [visit the Defer Your Property Taxes page on the Province's website](#).

Please note that effective this year, deferral applications and renewals must be submitted online through the Province of BC website.



Pet waste is an Issue of Health

An average dog eliminates an estimated 340 grams of waste per day. Studies show that a single gram of dog waste can contain an estimated 23 million bacteria such as campylobacter, E. coli, salmonella, cryptosporidium, giardia, and parasitic worms to name a few. By leaving your dog's waste on the ground, you increase the likelihood of contamination of the environment. While pet waste will degrade over time, it's not fertilizer and the health issues still remain. As the waste disintegrates, bacteria typically enter our local watersheds. Research shows that 20 to 30 percent of bacteria in water samples from urban watersheds can be linked to dog waste.

While [Metro Vancouver](#) prohibits pet waste from the region's garbage, **small amounts** are accepted in household garbage or public garbage cans (in parks or on the street). However, the ultimate goal is to eliminate pet waste from going to the landfill.

Do NOT put your pet waste into your organics bin. This will contaminate the organics and typically results in the entire load collected by organics trucks being diverted to the landfill along with hefty fines that ultimately get transferred back to the residents of the Municipality.

Instead, you can dispose of dog waste in the following ways:

- **Flush dog waste in the toilet**, so it can be treated at a wastewater treatment plant with other sewage. Do not put it into a storm sewer, as these carry rain to natural creeks.

*Don't flush any bags. They will clog your plumbing and the City sewer.

- **Call a collection service to** pick up dog waste from private spaces. This is a good option for townhouses or apartments where numerous dog owners can cost-share.
- **Build a dog waste composter.** Dog waste will decompose cleanly and without odour in a composter specifically allocated for dog waste only. The compost can then be used on shrubs and plants only, **NOT** on or near your vegetable garden. [Find out more here.](#)

*If you live near a stream, place your composter away from the stream, as the runoff can contain a lot of nutrients (phosphorous and nitrogen) which are not good for streams. Do not dig below groundwater.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CANCELLED - Regular Council Meeting - July 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting - July 28, 2020 at 7 p.m. [via zoom](#)

Meeting Calendar

Note: We are changing the way we do Council meetings to meet physical distancing requirements. Video conferencing is available for public participation via [Zoom](#). Instructions on how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).

We thank you for your patience as we learn new ways of conducting Council meetings and navigate through new technologies.

Public Viewing Etiquette

- *Public participation is still available on Zoom, during the Public Participation section of the agenda. Please read the instructions*
- *Silent viewing only, until you are called upon to speak (if desired). Please do not interrupt Council discussion*
- *Limit background distractions by muting your microphone and keeping video turned off until such time as it's your turn to speak (if applicable).*
- *If interruptions are repeated, the participant will be removed from the meeting*

It is still possible to attend meetings in-person but please be advised that seating is limited to five (5) seats maximum for the general public in order to meet physical distancing in Council Chambers, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

What's Happening in Lions Bay

SUMMER
2020

The Lions Bay Local



**Happy summer Lions Bay,
Here are LB's Top 10 summer happenings!**

1) LIONS BAY COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

We're so excited to announce the Lions Bay Community Cookbook - favourite family recipes for Caring, Connecting, and Building Community, One Dish at a Time.

The cookbook will be available free online and will have a limited print run.

The Lions Bay General Store and Café and the Lions Bay Historical Society have generously offered to sponsor this cookbook and will be giving away 25 x \$25 Gift Cards. 25 random recipe submitters will receive a Gift Card.

5 age categories (5 Gift Cards per category):

Ages: under 10 Ages 11 - 20 Ages 21 - 40 Ages 41 - 60 Ages 60+

The Gift Cards can be used at the Lions Bay General Store - Gourmet Corner!
The more recipes you submit the better your chances of winning a gift certificate!

Submission starts on Canada Day - and will close on 28 August, 2020.



The Lions Bay Local is a quarterly/monthly electronic newsletter (sent to your email) designed to build and support neighbourly connections during these crazy times. It will be chock full of local events, activities and community news.

We want to thank the Lions Bay General Store, The West Vancouver Foundation and Lions Bay Historical Society for sponsoring this local newsletter!

If you have not received the inaugural Summer 2020 Edition, with information on the Lions Bay Community Cookbook, or if you'll like to sign up for future newsletters please email Helen Waterson at locals@lionsbay.com

Stay safe and connected.

Helen Waterson
